

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) The chair of claim ~~8~~ 27 wherein said longitudinally operating means comprises guide means for guiding the movement of said locking means.

10. (Currently amended) The chair of claim 9 wherein said locking means comprises a boss received within said guide means such that said locking means moves in response to movement of said longitudinally operating means.

11. (Currently Amended) The chair of claim 10 further including biasing means for biasing said longitudinally operating means to move so that the locking means are in the extended position.

12. (Currently Amended) The chair of claim 11 wherein said biasing means operates on said longitudinally operating means.

13. (Original) The chair of claim 12 wherein said biasing means operates on said seat pan.

Claims 14-18. (Canceled)

19. (Currently amended) The chair of claim ~~18~~ 28 wherein said ~~locking~~ transversely movable engaging means comprises at least one transversely movable locking pin for engaging said seat plate.

Claims 20-23 (canceled)

24. (Currently amended) The chair of claim ~~23~~ 28 wherein said biasing means is a spring having first and second opposed ends.

25. (Currently Amended) The chair of claim 24 wherein said first end of said spring urges against said longitudinal operating ~~activating arm~~ means.

26. (Original) The chair of claim 25 wherein said second end of said spring urges against said seat pan.

27. (New) A chair comprising:

a base;

a seat plate supported above said base;

a seat pan slidably mounted to said seat plate so as to be slidable in the longitudinal direction;

longitudinally operating means for sliding said seat pan in the longitudinal direction with respect to said seat plate, said seat pan comprising first receiving means for receiving said longitudinally operating means; and

locking means for locking said seat pan in a fixed longitudinal position relative to said seat plate;

said locking means comprising transversely movable engaging means for engaging said seat plate,

said transversely movable engaging means being movable by said longitudinally operating means,

wherein said seat plate comprises a plurality of notches, said first receiving means of said seat pan comprising at least one aperture, said transversely movable engaging means being movable between an extended position extending through said at least one aperture to engage at least one of said plurality of notches, and a retracted position being retracted from said at least one aperture so as not to engage said at least one of said plurality of notches.

28. (New) A chair comprising:

a base;

a seat plate supported above said base;

a seat pan slidably mounted to said seat plate so as to be slidable in the longitudinal direction;

longitudinally operating means for sliding said seat pan in the longitudinal direction with respect to said seat plate, said seat pan comprising first receiving means for receiving said longitudinally operating means; and

locking means for locking said seat pan in a fixed longitudinal position relative to said seat plate;

said locking means comprising transversely movable engaging means for engaging said seat plate;

said transversely movable engaging means being moved by said longitudinally operating means,

wherein said seat plate comprises a plurality of notches, said first receiving means of said seat pan comprising at least one aperture, said transversely movable engaging means being movable between an extended position extending through said at least one aperture to engage at least one of said plurality of notches, and a retracted position being retracted from said at least one aperture so as not to engage said at least one of said plurality of notches,

said longitudinally operating means comprising guide means for guiding the movement of said locking means,

said locking means comprising a boss received within said guide means such that
said locking means moves in response to movement of said longitudinally operating means,

said chair further including biasing means for biasing said longitudinally
operating means to move so that the locking means are in the extended position, wherein said
biasing means operates on said longitudinally operating means and on said seat pan, said locking
means operating in cooperation with said longitudinally operating means.